

In the Specification:

At page 4, lines 11 through page 5, lines 17, please replace the text as follows:

Accordingly, the invention is directed to a device for aiding installation of suspended ceilings. The device includes a first cross member having an upper face to be disposed adjacent a bottom face of a main-tee and a second cross member extending from the first cross member at 90° and having an upper face to be disposed adjacent a bottom face of a cross-tee. The first cross member has an upwardly extending retention lip having a slot formed therein, wherein the slot is of width to frictionally receive a portion of the main-tee in a manner to temporarily retain the device thereagainst with upper face held in place against the bottom face of the main-tee. The second cross member has an upwardly extending guide lip which when the retention lip is connected to the main-tee, the guide lip in conjunction with the adjacent upper face provides an abutment against which the cross-tee can be disposed with the bottom face of the cross-tee facing the upper face of the second cross member such that the cross-tee is at 90° to the main-tee thereby enabling easy permanent riveting of the tees to wall angle together, and wherein once the cross-tee is so connected to the main-tee to form a permanent cross structure portion of the grid, the device is configured to be slidably removed from the permanent cross structure portion.

In one embodiment, the first cross member includes one arm and the second cross member includes one arm. In another embodiment, the first cross member includes two arms and the second cross member includes one arm which is disposed between the two arms, each arm first cross member having a retention lip. In yet another embodiment, the first cross member includes two arms and the second cross member includes two arms which are aligned and

disposed between aligned arms of the first cross member. Each arm of the first cross member can have a retention lip and each arm of the second cross member can have a guide lip. Preferably, the retention lips are oriented on a common edge of the first cross member and the guide lips are likewise oriented on a common edge of the second cross member.

The device can also include an eyelet proximate a 90° of the cross members to which a string can be attached. A method for aiding installing a suspended ceiling grid which uses main-tee and cross-tee construction is provided. The method includes the steps of (a) removably friction fit connecting a squaring device to a flange of main-tee, the device having means for supporting and maintaining a cross-tee to be connected to the main-tee at 90° thereto the cross-tee and the main-tee forming a cross structure portion of the grid (b) permanently connecting the cross-tee to a main wall angle while held at 90° with respect to one another with the aid of the device, and (c) ~~slidably~~ removably removing the device from the cross structure portion.